

## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

Sarah Brown, Treasurer Ohio State Republican Party 211 S Fifth Street Columbus, OH 43215

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Reference:

Year End Report (7/1/99-12/31/99)

Dear Ms. Brown:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule H3 of your report discloses a transfer(s)-in from a non-federal account(s) for administrative/voter drive expenses which appears to exceed the permissible amount(s) indicated by your allocation ratio for administrative/voter drive expenses. Please be advised that transfers for shared activity must not exceed the non-federal share of the joint disbursements and that these transfers must be made within a 70-day time period; no more than 10 days before or 60 days after payment to the vendor. 11 CFR §§106.5(g)(2) and 106.6(e)(2) Please clarify the nature of these transfers-in from the non-federal account.

The Commission recommends that you immediately transfer the total excessive amount received by your federal account back to your non-federal account. Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning this prohibited activity, your prompt action will be taken into consideration.

-Your EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE calculations for Administrative/Voter Drive are incorrect. EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals for administrative and voter drive costs are derived by aggregating all disbursements during the calendar year for the whole Administrative/Voter Drive category. EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals for fundraising, direct candidate support, and exempt activities are derived by aggregating all disbursements during

the calendar year within a specific event. These should be calculated by adding the latest disbursement for a category or event to the previous EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE total for that category or event. This running EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE total should be disclosed after each disbursement is listed. Please amend your report by providing the correct EVENT YEAR-TO-DATE totals.

-Your report discloses a payment(s) on Schedule D to Electrical Service Professional, which has not been recorded on a disbursement schedule. Debt payments must be reflected on Schedule B or H4 as well as on Schedule D. Please amend your report to clarify this discrepancy. 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(5)(D)

-Schedule D discloses \$120.25 and \$654.54 in payment(s) this period to DCS Computer & Supplies and Janton Company; however, there are \$112.25 and \$387.64, respectively in payments reflected on your disbursement schedules. Please amend your report to clarify this discrepancy.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toil-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

Lucy J. Denny Reports Analyst

Reports Analysis Division

